

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any contract in the field of information technology worth Rupees 1000 crore with Karneji Melan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which it would help in the expansion of information technology; and
- (d) the amount allocated so far for the development of information technology, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): The Government has approved a proposal to form Sankhya Vahini (India) Ltd. (SVIL)- a joint venture company by Department of Telecom Services, IU-Net, Ministry of Information Technology and Educational Institutions in India, with authorized share capital of Rs.1000 crores and initial subscribed capital of Rs.300 crores. The equity participation will be 51% Indian and 49%-IU-Net. Indian participation includes - Department of Telecom Services (45%), Educational Institutions (4%) and Ministry of Information Technology (2%).

(c): The availability of high speed network will help in proliferation of Information Technology, penetration of personal computer, Internet and Telephone across the country.

(d): In so far as the schemes/programmes of Ministry of Information Technology sectors are concerned, these are not allocated State-wise. The total allocation available for Information Technology sector for the year 2000-2001 in the Budget of Ministry of Information Technology is approximately Rs.260 crores.